

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
January 8, 2008

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:25pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Iftekhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Zahida Mubeen, Brian Mulligan, Tammy Nguyen, Alex Vargas

Absent: Paul Barghouth - excused
Niral Patel - excused
Eric Spinks - excused
Kelsi Auday - excused
Zedric Ochoa - excused
Anya Vo - unexcused

Guests: none

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian
Marilyn Dippell, Acting Superintendent

Matters for City Council Action – None

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Vanessa Harsh at 6:25p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – none.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 11, 2007 MEETING – Vanessa Harsh made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: VII A. – high school should be capitalized, VII E. – there should be no comma after Bingo and feed should have a capital F. Ferheen Abbasi seconded the motion. Jennifer Juniega made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Brian Mulligan.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
 - A. Wilcox
 - a. January 8 – RA meeting
 - b. January 11 – Soccer vs. Fremont
 - c. January 15 – 18, Finals
 - d. January 22 – Staff Development Day – no school
 - e. January 23 – 2nd semester begins
 - f. January 25 – Winter Spirit Rally
 - g. January 25 – Soccer vs. Santa Clara

- h. January 25 – Quad Game vs. Palo Alto
 - i. January 31 – Drama production
 - B. Santa Clara
 - a. January 2 – Crab Feed
 - b. January 3 – School begins
 - c. January 9 – RA meeting
 - d. January 11 – Quad Game vs. Los Altos
 - e. January 15 – 18, Finals
 - f. January 21 & 22 – No school
 - g. January 23 – 2nd semester begins
 - h. December 20 – Winter Ball
 - C. Peterson
 - a. January 3 & 4 – Boys baseball tryouts
 - b. January 4 – Dance off
 - c. January 9 & 10 – District-wide Write
 - D. Archbishop Mitty
 - a. January 3 – School begins
 - b. January 8 – 10, Monarch Madness sign-ups
 - c. January 11 - Holiday
 - d. January 17 – 19, 24 – 26, Winter Play, “Amadeus”
 - e. January 22 – Junior High Honors Night
 - E. St. Francis
 - a. January 26 – Father/Daughter Dance
 - b. January 28 – No school
 - c. January 30 & 31 – Class of 2012 interviews
 - F. Library
 - a. January 29 – Movie/book night, “Simpson’s”
 - G. Teen Center
 - a. January 15 – 18, Final Spot – open at 1:00pm
 - b. January 25 – Wilcox Aftercharge Party
- V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Youth Commission T-shirt design – The committee passed around the logo and color idea that they came up with at the committee meeting. The group was not 100% in favor of the selection and made recommendations for a different color. The committee will go back to the drawing board and come up with another idea and report back.
 - B. Youth Commission logo – The Youth Commission agreed on the logo that was created. This logo will now appear on Youth Commission publicity, applications etc.
 - C. Letters to Santa, December 3 – 21 – The Youth Commission responded to over 150 children’s letters to Santa during the holidays.
 - D. Casino Night at the Teen Center, December 14 – The Teen Center hosted the annual Casino Night. This year, the focus was on an old favorite, Bingo.
 - E. Teen Center hours during the holidays – The Teen Center hours were shortened during the holidays, closing at 6:00pm.

- F. Final Spot, January 22 – 25, the date has been changed from January 22 – 25 to January 15 – 18.
- G. Benefit Bingo Night, January 25th or February 1st? – The date of February 8th was selected by the Youth Commission for the Benefit Bingo Night.

VII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- A. Transportation – The Transportation committee met to continue their discussion about the possibility of developing a transportation system for the youth in Santa Clara. The Youth Commission has heard from the Senior Center that they are also looking into the possibility. The two groups will now work together in hopes of accomplishing this idea. A committee meeting was set for January 22 at 4:30pm.
- B. Intergenerational – The Intergenerational committee met to continue their discussion on their two events that they have scheduled for 2008. On February 8th, the Commission is planning a Benefit Bingo, spaghetti dinner at the Senior Center. The benefit is to help raise money for the Humane Society in Santa Clara. On April 12th, the Commission is planning the “Forever Young” Intergenerational Dance at the Senior Center. A committee meeting was set for January 22 at 5:30pm.
- C. Moondance Film Festival – The Moondance Festival committee met to continue their discussion about the festival. The date has been set for May 30 and will be held at the Teen Center. Commissioners from Wilcox and Santa Clara high schools are talking to their film classes and recruiting students to make films for the event. A committee meeting was set for January 22 at 6:00pm.
- D. BMX Park – The BMX committee met to continue their discussion on the possibility of developing a BMX park in Santa Clara. A committee meeting was set for January 22 at 6:30pm.
- E. Philanthropy – The Philanthropy committee met to continue discussing the different organizations that they’d like to help raise money for. The Commission is looking into the following possibilities: Bone Marrow drive for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Humane Society and schools in Africa. As of now, they are working on a Benefit Bingo, Spaghetti Feed to help raise money for the Humane Society. A committee meeting was set for January 22 at 5:00pm.
- F. Youth Commission T-shirt design – The T-shirt committee met to continue discussing options for their new T-shirt. The ideas that were developed previously were not to the liking of the rest of the Youth Commission, so the committee will meet again to come up with different ideas. A committee meeting was set for January 22 at 7:00pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Youth Commission T-shirt design
- B. Final Spot, date change – January 15 - 18, The Teen Center will open earlier during finals, to allow students to come in and study. The Teen Center will provide activities for students to help relieve some of the stress that comes with studying, along with free “brain food.”
- C. Youth Commission term and scholarship applications available January 28 – Applications are available at all City facilities, high schools and middle schools depending on the application.

- D. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Feed, February 8 – The Youth Commission will be raising money for the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority, Pet Assistance Program. The event will be held at the Senior Center from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.
 - E. YAC Attack, March 8 – The Youth Commission will be participating in this one day conference put on by CPRS District IV, Youth and Teen Recreation Services. The Youth Commission will be presenting a workshop on teambuilding.
 - F. YTRS Scholarship – This scholarship is available to high school juniors and seniors to help offset the cost of college. The deadline is January 18.
- IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none
- X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Anya Vo and seconded by Vanessa Harsh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: _____
Jennifer Herb
Youth Commission Staff Liaison
Recreation Supervisor